

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2872

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: BDIS, SA, US  
SUBJECT: XONICS/TELCOM DISPUTE WITH SAG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

REF: (A) JIDDA 5234 (B) STATE 174880

1. SAAD AL OTHMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, TELEPHONED EMBASSY JULY 29, 1978, TO REPORT STATUS OF DISPUTE. AL OTHMAN STATED THAT MINISTRY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED DR. BRIMMER'S TELEGRAM STATING THAT A REPLY HAD BEEN GIVEN IN AN EARLIER LETTER TO SAUDI ATTORNEY FOR TELCOM, SAMIR SHAMMA.

2. AL OTHMAN STATED THAT PRINCE AHMED BIN ABDUL AZIZ, DEPUTY MINISTER, SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE ORIGINAL CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT BY SAG FOR NON-PERFORMANCE BY TELCOM DESPITE FULL SAG ASSISTANCE GIVEN FOR THE PROJECT.

3. AL OTHMAN, WHILE STATING THAT HE WAS GIVING HIS OWN PERSONAL OPINION, ADVISED THAT SAG CHAGRINED BY PUMP-ED UP CLAIMS AND VERY ANGRY AT INFERENCE THAT INFORMATION ON THE SECRET PROJECT WOULD BE REVEALED IF SAG DID NOT COMPLY. HE STATED THAT TELCOM MIGHT HAVE CHANCE TO RECTIFY MATTER BY OFFERING TO COMPLETE THE WORK AND DROP ALL CLAIMS. AL OTHMAN STATED THAT SAG HAD PAID OEO PER-  
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CENT OF PROJECT COST AND THAT CANCELLATION WAS FOR NON-COMPLETION. HE REITERATED THAT SAG WILL NOT BEND ON DIRECT OR IMPLIED THREATS BUT WILL ENTERTAIN PROPOSAL FROM U.S. FIRM FOR PROPER ADJUSTMENT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN LETTER REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND IN OUR RECOLLECTION MR. SHAMMA DID NOT

MENTION IT IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF (SEE JIDDA 4606).  
LIKEWISE, EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN ORIGINAL CONTRACT.  
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